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In the news

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Test scores of middle-income students are dropping or stagnating, according to the Daily News. Eighth-grade reading scores dropped compared to other large cities between 2003 and 2011. For example, in 2011, 34 percent of middle-income eighth-graders scored proficient or better on reading tests, down from 48 percent in 2003. ● METRO/AB

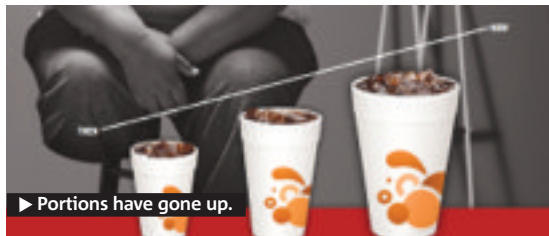
In the news

Man survives five-story jump

A man survived a five-story jump from a Brooklyn apartment building yesterday. According to the FDNY, he jumped from a rear window in a five-story apartment building in Williamsburg. The man, in his 30s, landed in the courtyard, and was in critical condition yesterday afternoon, according to the fire department.

● METRO/AB

City advises against ordering a large



CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Department wants you to watch your waistline.

A new campaign unveiled yesterday by city agencies focuses on portion sizes and highlights health problems like diabetes that can come from poor nutrition. In the last

50 years, the serving size of sugary drinks quadrupled, and nearly tripled for french fries, according to the Health Department.

"The portion sizes that are marketed are often much more than humans need," Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley said.

In one ad, a man with an amputated leg from diabetes sits behind three separate portion sizes, with the words, "Cut your portions. Cut your risk." About 57 percent of adult New Yorkers remain overweight, the Health Department reported. ● METRO/AB

Suit seeks facts in O'Reilly allegation

► Gawker source claims Bill O'Reilly pulled police strings to investigate wife's suspected cheating ► NYCLU sues for release of secret police records

The New York Civil Liberties Union has jumped into the center of a disputed claim that conservative Fox News firebrand Bill O'Reilly allegedly pressured the Nassau County Police Department to investigate whether his wife, Maureen McPhilmy, was having an affair with one of its detectives.

Yesterday, the NYCLU filed a suit against the NCPD for what they say is unlawful censorship of public records.

The NYCLU filed the suit on behalf of Gawker reporter John Cook, who requested, among other things, the record for an internal investigation into the detective, as well as records of all call logs and correspondence between O'Reilly and former NCPD Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey.

The NCPD refused Cook's Freedom of Information Law request to review police files, saying the documents were "personnel records" and therefore exempt from public scrutiny.

But the NYCLU is not buying it. "This type of secrecy is unacceptable," said NYCLU Senior Staff Attorney Corey Stoughton. "The public has a right to know how government agencies use taxpayer dollars."

The NYCLU will take their case to court tomorrow and ask that the



► Nassau County police deny that Bill O'Reilly requested they investigate a detective.

records be released.

"The public has every right to know how the NCPD spends scarce law enforcement resources," said Samantha Fredrickson, director of the NYCLU's Nassau County chapter.



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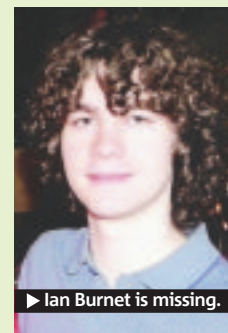
Police deny connection

NEW YORK. Former NCPD Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey, who retired on April 1 of last year, told Gawker that O'Reilly never asked him for a personal favor.

"I was never contacted by Bill O'Reilly or anyone associated with him and asked to launch an investigation," Mulvey told the website.

A spokeswoman for O'Reilly refused to comment on the matter when asked by Metro.

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► Ian Burnet is missing.

Student missing in NYC

NEW YORK. A Virginia college student is missing in New York, and his family is trying desperately to find him. Ian Burnet, 22, a Virginia Commonwealth University student, traveled to New York City on Dec. 26 to see friends and reportedly hasn't been seen or heard from since Dec. 27. He was last seen in Harlem.

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Trump's private tee times

BRONX. Donald Trump has a sweet new golf deal: According to the Daily News, he won a 20-year agreement for a \$97 million taxpayer-funded public golf course in the Bronx. Trump can sometimes have the course for private use, according to the newspaper, and have access to the club banquet hall to entertain.

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NJ Dems vow to pass gay marriage

► Democrats plan to introduce bills this week in Assembly, Senate ► But face resistance from Christie

If Democratic legislators get their way, 2012 may be the year gay marriage becomes legal across the Hudson. New Jersey elected officials promised yesterday they will introduce a bill to legalize gay marriage as the first new measure of the new year.

At a press conference outside the State House in Trenton, Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver said they plan to introduce matching bills in each chamber this week.

"What New Jersey's legislative leaders are telling us is that the Garden State values its gay and lesbian citizens fully," said Marc



► Gov. Christie

Solomon, national campaign director at Freedom to Marry.

But the state's Republican governor, Chris

Christie, is expected to stymie their plan. In the past, he has made it clear that he opposes legalizing gay marriage and instead supports civil unions, already legal in New Jersey.

In contrast, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo was a key component in New York's successful effort last year to legalize gay marriage. Couples began marrying for the first time in July.

Two years ago, a similar effort could not get enough votes in the New Jersey Senate, failing 20 to 14, despite support from then-governor Jon Corzine.



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Pharmacy robberies skyrocket

LONG ISLAND. Pharmacy robberies nationwide have in-

creased 26 percent since 2006, according to a report in The New York Times, and pharmacists on Long Island are particularly nervous, as six people were killed in drugstore robberies there last year alone.

"I just want to get out of here alive every day; that's my new goal," pharmacist Howard Levine, of Belmont Drugs and Surgical in West Babylon, told the Times. His store has been robbed twice in the past 14 months. ● METRO/CB

New dad slams Jay-Z, Beyonce

One New York City new dad is furious that Beyonce and Jay-Z allegedly blocked him from seeing his newborn twins Saturday at Lenox Hill Hospital.

The famous pair reportedly shelled out \$1.3 million to rent out an entire floor of the Upper East Side hospital for the birth of their daughter, Blue Ivy Carter. They also stationed an entourage of bodyguards at the hospital, Lenox Hill staffers told the New York Post.

Neil Coulon, a Bed-Stuy resident, said all the security blocked him from seeing his newborn twin girls, born premature, at the hospital's Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit.

"They just used the hospital like it was their own and nobody else mattered."

NEIL COULON

"These are parents who are going through very stressful times. To have that circus roll into town, having to deal with all this drama because someone is a superstar, isn't fair," Coulon told the Post.

Tinted tape covered the windows of Beyonce's hospital room and its regular door was replaced with one that was bulletproof.



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► The entire hospital floor would go into "lockdown" mode anytime the superstar family was on the move, say workers.

City says Liu has a few unpaid bills

NEW YORK. At the same time embattled City Comptroller John Liu is calling for Time Warner Cable to reimburse customers for service they lost during a blackout, Con Edison is reportedly waiting for Liu to pay his own bills. The New York Post reported yesterday that Con Ed accuses Liu of owing them \$500 in unpaid electric bills. Separately, tax officials accuse Liu's

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campaign committee of allegedly owing \$943 in back taxes for campaign workers, according to the Post. ● METRO/AB

Good Samaritan injured

STATEN ISLAND. A Staten Island resident who tried to help a drunk man off the subway tracks early Sunday morning was himself hurt instead. Steven Santiago,

39, was reportedly trying to help a man who had jumped onto the Staten Island Railway tracks at around 1:30 in the morning. The train hit Santiago as it came into the station, and he was taken to the hospital in critical condition. The man he jumped in to help was treated for minor injuries. ● METRO/AB

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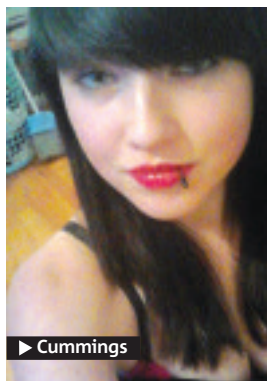
New bill poised to curb cyberbullying

► One week after Staten Island teen's suicide, Bronx politician wants increased penalties for online bullying

One New York City lawmaker is hoping his bill could stem the kind of bullying family members say led to Staten Island teen Amanda Cummings' suicide last week.

Cummings, 15, stepped in front of a city bus on Dec. 27 and died of her injuries last Monday. Her family told Metro she had been targeted by classmates who bullied and threatened her on Facebook and via text messages.

Bronx State Senator Jeffrey Klein introduced a bill yesterday that would create stricter penalties for bullying online. His bill would elevate cyberbullying to third-degree stalking, a



► Cummings

able by up to one year in jail and can be raised to felony status if they violate hate crime statutes.

"Our laws are not keeping pace with technology, and we are paying a human price for it," Klein said yesterday.

Klein said he was inspired to craft the legislation in September, when Buffalo teen Jamey Rode-meyer, 14, killed himself after he was reportedly targeted by cyberbullies.

"We really don't want another tragedy," Klein's spokesman, Rich Azzopardi, said of Cummings.

misdemeanor crime. It would also add electronic communication as a way to commit aggravated harassment, also a misdemeanor.

Both crimes are punish-

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Occupy Wall Street. NYPD



► The NYPD increased the number of barricades up in Zuccotti Park on Nov. 16, when the city kicked Occupy Wall Street protesters out of the public space.

Groups want barricades taken down

Several prominent New York City groups say the metal barricades the NYPD keeps up around Zuccotti Park are illegal. The New York Civil Liberties Union, the Center for Constitutional Rights and the New York chapter of the National Lawyers Guild sent a letter to the city Department of Buildings yesterday, arguing that the barricades violate zoning laws, specifically requiring that at least 50 percent of the plaza be unobstructed. ● CARLY BALDWIN

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Romney rivals' time running out

Lee Bandy knows more about politics in South Carolina than just about anybody. For 40 years, Bandy has been among the best political prophets in a state whose primary has correctly picked every Republican candidate for U.S. President since 1980.

Right now Bandy, a veteran columnist with The State newspaper in Columbia, is betting on Mitt Romney to win the South Carolina primary.

No Republican candidate has ever followed a win at the Iowa caucus, which Romney secured narrowly last week, with victory in the New Hampshire primary, and virtually every-

"A lot of Republicans down here don't like Romney." BANDY

one but his opponents expect that he will do just that on Tuesday night.

"A lot of Republicans down here don't like Romney," Bandy said. He was referring especially to the two-thirds of Republican primary voters in the Palmetto State who are evangelical Christians. They are leery not only of Romney's Mormon faith but also of his earlier positions on abortion and gay marriage.

REUTERS



▶ A Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney addresses a town hall meeting in Manchester, N.H., last week.

Lagerfeld and Metro to partner

BOSTON. Karl Lagerfeld, the legendary fashion icon who has never shied away from an interesting collaboration, will become global editor-in-chief of Metro International newspapers on Feb. 7.

"I've never done this before, and the challenge of Metro is something I can imagine. Metro is very much in the mood of today," Lagerfeld says. He will guest-edit all Metro editions around the world. As part of the project, he will create a series of collectible sketches, illustrations and columns, as well as choose the stories for the newspaper and give his notoriously provocative comments on the news of the day.



▶ Karl Lagerfeld

The issue will also include a series of guest appearances by celebrities and fashion personalities from his world.

The collaboration is just one of several moves the creative director of Chanel and Fendi has made toward fashion democracy. The special issue will come just weeks after Lagerfeld launches a new lower-priced line called "Karl." METRO

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► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jeffrey Ross isn't feeling it, Ellen Page is getting recognized, Sarah Silverman is thinking of other routes to peace and Albert Brooks is breaking the rules.

► **@realjeffreyyross**
I'm kinda sick of 2012 already.

► **@EllenPage**
A first: someone came up to me and said: "I know you! You were that girl in Going For Broke with Delta Burke."

► **@sarahksilverman**
Possible ways to bring Palestinians & Jews together: 1) Ecstasy in the water 2) Alien attack

► **@AlbertBrooks**
I don't know what the big deal is using your devices on the plane. Wait....IS THAT THE GROUND?



Page

Michaels on leaving 'The Doctors'

Jillian Michaels, the trainer we would least like to cross paths with in a dark alley, made a splash when she joined the hit syndicated show "The Doctors" this year as a co-host. But last week, after only half the season, she left the show. The split, she told Metro, had to do with cankles.

"It was like the relationship that looks perfect on paper — and when you got there it just was all wrong," she told us over the phone.

"They wanted me to do segments on cankles, and I wanted to do segments on food deserts. I wanted to do exposés on how prisoners have better food than our children at public schools. It wasn't anybody's fault, it really wasn't. There's no hard feelings," Michaels said she called one of the producers she was close to in order to end things.

"I said, 'Listen, I know that this isn't working for you guys, because you

know I'm not happy and I don't feel happy doing it, and my fans don't like me doing it and your fans don't like me doing what I wanna do. And, you know, let's just walk away amicably.'"

Food deserts? Public school cafeteria exposés? What is she doing? Trying to reposition herself as a new **Lisa Ling** — but with biceps?

—With additional reporting by Meredith Engel



Michaels says she left "The Doctors" on good terms.

Aguilera: Back off, haters!

Christina Aguilera has received a lot of criticism and scrutiny for her weight over the past year, but she insists it's nothing she can't handle. "I've been on all spectrums," she says, according to *Us Weekly*. "You can never be too perfect, too thin, too curvy, voluptuous." As for Aguilera herself, she says she knows what's really important: "As long as I'm happy in my own skin, that's all I need," she says. "I'm happy with where I'm at. I have a boyfriend that loves my body. I love my body. My son is healthy and happy."



Aguilera

That's all that matters."

Look, I'm all for healthy body image and lord knows we need more curvy superstars — but judging from this picture, it does seem like someone needs to tip off Aguilera that one more thing that should matter to her is a good bra.

Talking points

First name Blue, middle name Ivy

Solange Knowles has taken to Twitter to officially declare **Blue Ivy Carter**, the newborn daughter of sister **Beyoncé Knowles** and **Jay-Z**, "the most beautiful girl in the world." Of course, she may be a bit biased. A mother herself, Solange is excited about being an aunt. "I don't need any advice," she previously told *Us Weekly*. "Because [Beyoncé] has been a phenomenal aunt to my son, so she's set the tone as an aunt. I've set the tone as a mom, so we're learning from each other."

For Depp: Paradis lost?

It may be trouble in paradise for **Johnny Depp**, as the relationship between the "Pirates of the Caribbean" star and **Vanessa Paradis** is reportedly on the rocks, according to Radar Online. "Johnny isn't handling anything well right now," a source says. "People around him are worried about how



Paradis

Johnny is doing because he and Vanessa seem so fractured right now. Their relationship is heading toward the end."

Perry keeps it private

When it comes to her separation from **Russell Brand**, **Katy Perry** doesn't want others speaking for her. "Concerning the gossip, I want to be clear that no one speaks for me. Not a blog, magazine, 'close sources' or my family," she posted on Twitter. She also took the opportunity to thank her fans for supporting her, writing, "I am so grateful for all the love and support I've had from people around the world. You guys have made my heart happy again."



Happy 90th Betty White, you looker, you!

1. Julie Bowen, Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Zoe Saldana attended the Kick Off for Golden Globes Week 2012 hosted by Audi and Martin Katz at Cecconi's Restaurant on Sunday in Los Angeles.

2. Anne Heche and James Tupper also attended the Kick Off for Golden Globes Week 2012 on Sunday.

3. It's the birthday girl! Actress Betty White attended NBC's taping of "Betty White's 90th Birthday: A Tribute to America's Golden Girl" at Millennium Biltmore Hotel on Sunday in Los Angeles.

4. The cast of "Billy Elliot" took their last bow at their final Broadway performance on Sunday in New York City.

5. Can we give a shout-out to Cee Lo's awesome track suit? The singer performed during the 2012 Allstate Fan Fest at the Allstate BCS National Championship in the Jax Brewery Parking Lot on Sunday in New Orleans.

6. Rihanna attended the Los Angeles Lakers vs. Memphis Grizzlies game at Staples Center on Sunday in Los Angeles, California.

7. Octavia Spencer and Viola Davis also worked the red carpet at Audi Celebrates The 2012 Golden Globe Awards at Cecconi's on Sunday.

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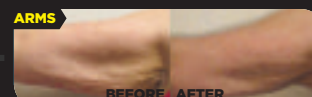
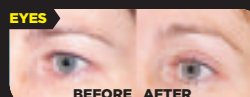


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What's in store for books in 2012

- We asked Jason Boog, editor at GalleyCat, about trends he sees overtaking our bookshelves — and e-readers — this year
- 'Tis the time for reading locally

Just how will 2012 bring changes to what and how we're reading? We asked Jason Boog, the man behind GalleyCat, a widely read blog about the publishing industry, for his predictions.

1 A push toward reading locally: Boog hopes the trend toward eating locally will extend to consumers supporting another local movement: their neighborhood bookstore. "People are really upset about Amazon taking away business from local bookstores; I see a lot

NEW IN THE NEW YEAR

of backlash. I hope this translates into people supporting them," he says. Boog doesn't see a bright future for them if we don't. "I don't think local bookstores have much of a chance [if not], especially as digital books become more popular," he says.

2 Amazon will take over your life: "On the other side of that 'reading locally' coin," counters Boog, "is there is going to be a huge Amazon blitz this year." He points to their host of in-house imprints currently in the works: "They're launching a romance imprint, science fiction, fantasy — the list goes on," he says. "They've also spent time acquiring a great team of edi-



► Does the popularity of e-readers mean the demise of your local bookstore?

tors. Although we don't know the outcome yet [of these changes], it's going to be fascinating to watch."

3 Digital is still on the rise: "We're going to see a lot more attention focused on self-published authors," says Boog. He points to the careers of self-published writers like Amanda Hocking and John Locke as evidence. "They got big book deals which, in turn, inspired a whole new wave of people to get into self-pub-

lishing." Boog says that many established authors are looking toward e-books to publish their back list — or if they get a book deal they aren't happy with it. "The stigma is receding."

4 The year of Occupy Writers: "My hope is that the kind of moment that started with Occupy Wall Street extends to writers. Writers deserve a fair wage, jobs that are stable," he envisions. "I really hope this is the year writers organize."

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More on Occupy Writers

On top of his duties at GalleyCat, Boog is also writing the book "Will Write for Change: How

New York City Writers Survived the Great Depression" (check out his other blog at www.sadmen.tumblr.com). "During the Great Depression, writers were in

the same boat as we are now, but they weren't sitting down or taking it," he notes.

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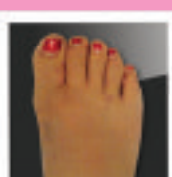
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Her tips

1. "Invest in a tinted moisturizer. It takes away any redness or dullness and adds a healthy glow. [Make sure to get one that] contains SPF to prevent wrinkles and future sun damage."
2. "Mascara is a great way to change your look easily. It opens and lifts the eye, lengthens and volumizes your natural lash and adds depth. Try L'Oreal Voluminous Mascara — it's an insider secret."
3. "Try a sheer rouge lip tint that works not only as a lip balm with color but repairs and protects the lips. My favorite is Sugar Passion Tinted Lip Treatment SPF 15 from Fresh. It ensures long-lasting moisture and protects from UVA/UVB rays."



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'This is the show that produces stars'

► 'The Voice' may be making noise over on NBC, but those involved with the Fox hit aren't concerned

"American Idol" was first on the reality singing competition scene, and its judges and producers don't want you to forget it.

"Idol" is still the best TV show of its kind anywhere," judge Randy Jackson said while promoting Season 11 at the Television Critics Association press tour on Sunday. "We kind of invented this whole game that everybody is now copying."

Jackson was referring in large part to "The X Factor," the vocal competition former "Idol" judge Simon Cowell brought to Fox. Before its premiere, Cowell boasted that "The X Factor" would topple "Idol" from its perch as the most-watched series in America. In reality, it drew about half the audience of "Idol."

Why the lopsided success? "This is the show that produces the stars," says "Idol" executive producer



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► From left: Steven Tyler, Jennifer Lopez, Randy Jackson and Ryan Seacrest return for the 11th season of "American Idol," premiering Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. on Fox.

Ken Warwick. "There's no other series ... that has produced anything like the number of stars we have."

Jackson saved even harsher words for the contestants of "The Voice," which proved to be a hit for NBC, by calling them "second-chance people" since the 2011 winner, Javier Colon, had a failed contract with Capitol Records before appearing on the contest.

But not everyone associated with "Idol" views the crowded field of singing competitions as a bad thing. "It's a more competitive marketplace, but in the end competition is good," said "Idol" executive producer Cecile Frot Coutaz. In that spirit, "Idol" will change the format, featuring performance challenges that include a song from the late 1950s and a round stripping

More TCA

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Seacrest out?

Rumors have been circulating that Ryan Seacrest, in the last year of his "American Idol" contract, may ditch the hosting gig to move over to the "Today" show on NBC (he already has a deal with NBC Universal). But Seacrest said he "can't imagine life without the show." "At this point, honestly, I only see myself as hosting 'American Idol,'" he said. "I'm focused on that for this season."

TV watch list

'Tabatha Takes Over'

REALITY. Tabatha Coffey isn't reserving her business savvy exclusively for salons anymore. For Season 4, she'll be bossing around the slacker owners of a

yogurt shop and a bed and breakfast, too. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., Bravo**

'The Game'

COMEDY. Season 5 of the sitcom opens with the decidedly unfunny confrontation between Melanie and Derwin over an

abortion. Meanwhile, Malik and Tasha try to wrangle a drunk Jenna, who is out of control. There's the comic relief! **Season premiere, 10 p.m., BET**

'Shipping Wars'

REALITY. Shippers bid to haul oversized and unusual

products, like a seven-foot Venus Flytrap that needs to be delivered for opening night of "Little Shop of Horrors." That's going to be tricky — how's the transporter supposed to stay on schedule when the cargo keeps demanding, "Feed me, Seymour"? **Series premiere, 9 p.m., A&E** ● **AMBER RAY**

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Try this at home
Create a veggie bar of cher-

ry tomatoes, broccoli florets, sliced mushrooms and pepper rings for topping pasta or mini pizzas. Or fill a party platter with different colorful veggies and circulate it before dinner as an appetizer, then park it on the table where everyone can reach and grab.

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Parenting notes

Get your hands dirty

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deciding to make jewelry, soap, candles or glass tiles, and there's also cake-decorating (eating the cake afterwards is half the fun!) and ceramic painting. Make Meaning is home to crafting classes and is available for private parties, too. **Make Meaning Upper East Side, 1501 Third Ave., 212-744-0011 • METRO/ME**

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The high cost of education: Student debt

- ▶ Two-thirds of college students graduate deep in debt
- ▶ List offers look at schools with grads who owe most

Student loan debt is a hotly contested topic these days, especially with last year's rise of Occupy Wall Street, a movement largely comprised of college students.

Many subsequent protests evolved from Occupy Wall Street, including Occupy Colleges and Occupy Student Debt.

Occupy Student Debt

calls on graduates to collectively stop paying their student loans, saying it's the big banks who profit from the loans and arguing that education should be better publicly funded in the U.S.

The plan, though, never picked up steam, with only about 3,000 debtors signing the pledge to halt loan repayments.

About two-thirds of college students will graduate with loan debt, according to the Project on Student Debt, making loans and repaying them an inevitable part of the process for many people who go to school.



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▶ Many argue that a college education should be better publicly funded in the U.S.

Top 9 of debt

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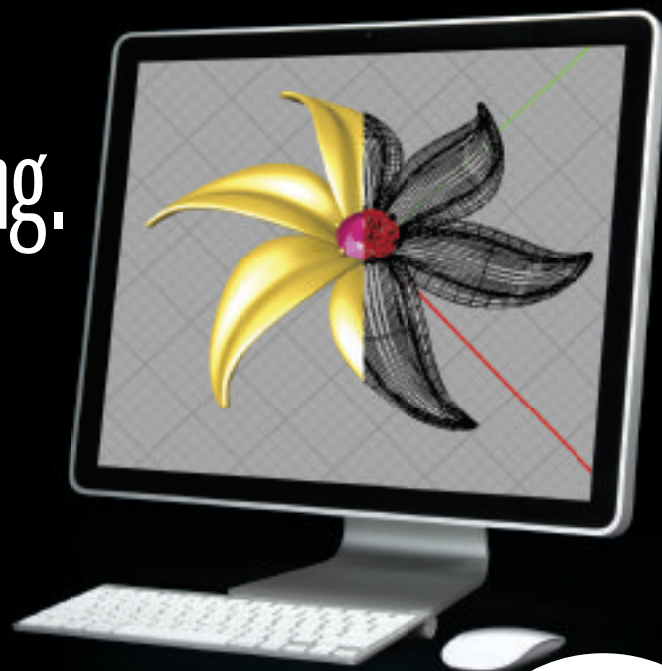
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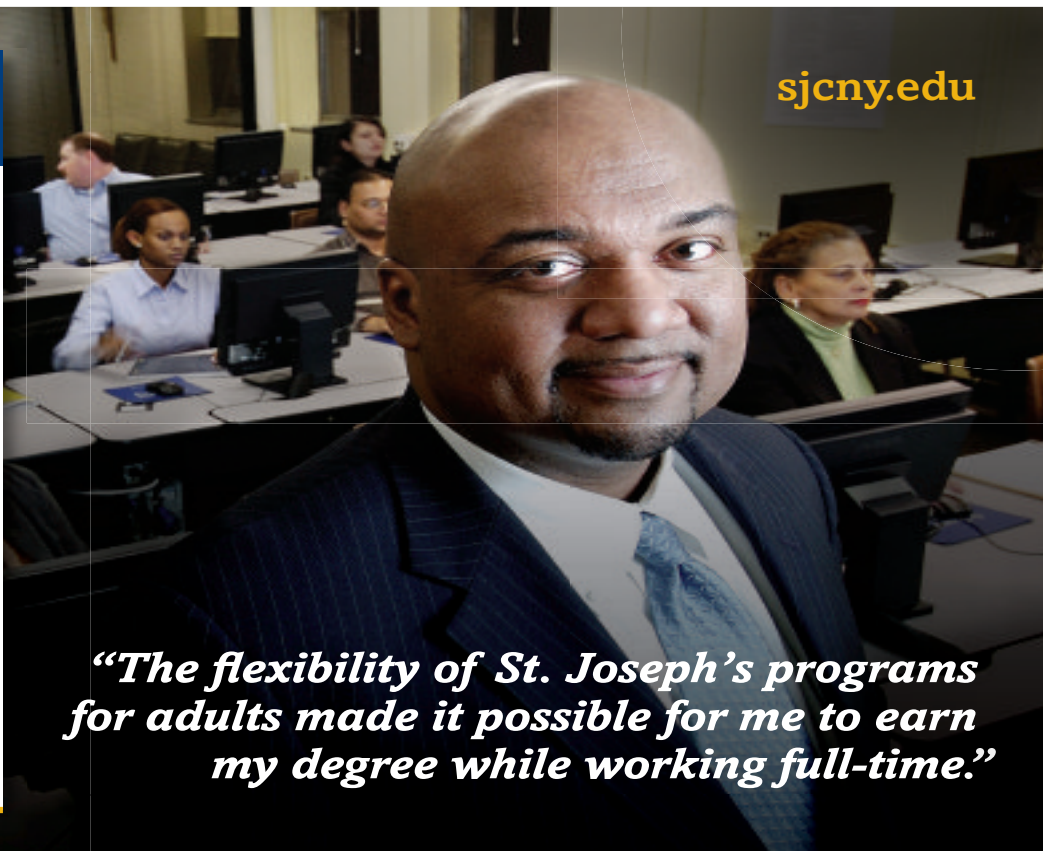
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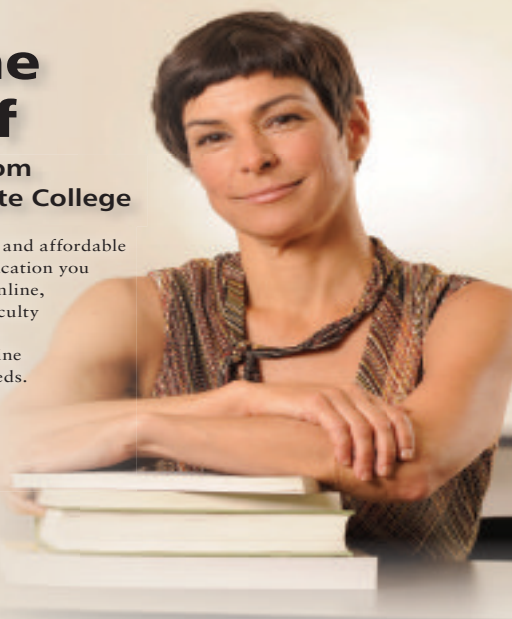
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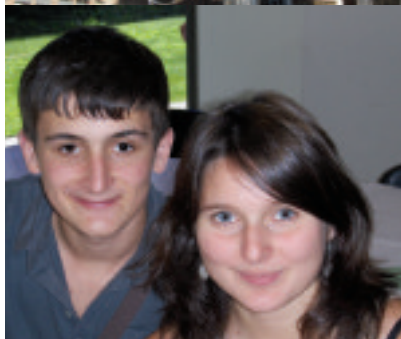
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Who to blame for our woes?

RE: "YOUR TIME IS OVER, OBAMA": Messrs Dixon and Holbrook, you have both proven my worst fears to be true: the Republicans' lack of responsibility and their shortsightedness. Your president, G. W. Bush, drove this country into the ground. Instead of admitting to their complicity in this act and trying to help this country come out of this mess, Republicans continue to do everything they can to make sure that President Obama fails. This is treason, as President Obama's

failure is also this country's failure.

BARBARA MILUSKI, JERSEY CITY

If a person can't tell the appreciable difference between managing a sports team or company and a country with a population of 307 million with a \$14.5 trillion GNP, I think he should take a class on common sense. It will take more than three years to rectify our economy.

SARA PAIGE, VIA E-MAIL

Yes, Alan Holbrook, all aspects of the NFL translate directly to all aspects of life, including running a country. As for Obama doing nothing to improve

U.S. jobs, the Institute of Supply Management said last Tuesday that U.S. manufacturing activity made gains in December. Manufacturing is the toughest team to beat, and results in the greatest gain in stats. Wouldn't that be called a winning streak? Wouldn't you say of that team, "We're goin' to the Super Bowl baby!" Perhaps you should punt — oh, wait, with the current Republican lineup — y'all already did.

SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL

Perhaps Mr. Dixon could lend the president his magic wand that he might

instantaneously correct nearly 40 years of misdirected economic and fiscal policy. Until then, he'll just have to be patient with the rest of us.

JOSEPH CONNELL, BROWNSVILLE

Economists blindsided

RE: "BOTH SIDES HAVE OVERFED THE FED": The "respected economists" which letter-writer Harry Thorn talks about are those same economists who were blindsided by the housing bubble. Austrian Business Cycle Theory not only predicts but explains the boom-bust cycle. Ludwig von Mises predicted and warned of the America's stock market crash and subsequent Great Depression. Sadly, his warnings fell on deaf ears. KELLY DONNOE, LYNNBROOK

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Horoscope

♊ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If you lack the skill or knowledge to call the shots, let someone who seems to know what he or she is talking about guide you through the maze that you're facing.

♊ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Being open-handed is one of your greatest assets. Once others see that you're not trying to put anything over on them, they'll treat you with fairness and consideration.

♊ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Chances are you're in a favorable trend right now where your work or career is concerned. Capitalize on it by performing the best that you can, and your efforts will be acknowledged.

♊ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Unless you monitor your behavior, you could come off as either haughty or overly submissive. In either case, it won't help your image with others.

♊ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Do not start something that you know you won't or can't finish. The only thing that's likely to give you a sense of satisfaction is seeing something through to the end.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Have some appreciation for your unique ideas and then have the courage to try to bring them to fruition. If you

effectively do what you conceive, everything else will fall into place.

♊ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** One of your more admirable qualities is your desire to cherish, protect and even spoil those you love. Your generosity toward others provides much joy for them and pleasure for you.

♊ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Assignments that might be tough for others will be a piece of cake for you, mostly because you'll see them as a means to express your abilities and love.

♊ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Call the shots from behind the scenes and be more effective. You'll achieve great satisfaction seeing others as conduits of your expression.

♊ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Your group dealings will bring far more satisfaction than will arrangements with people on an individual basis.

♊ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Your powers of concentration and strong fortitude will help you nab whatever you pursue. Thus, now is the time to focus your efforts on an objective of especial importance.

♊ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Just because everyone won't be in total accord over something that you want to achieve, don't lose faith in it before you even try. You're the one who knows what it's all about.

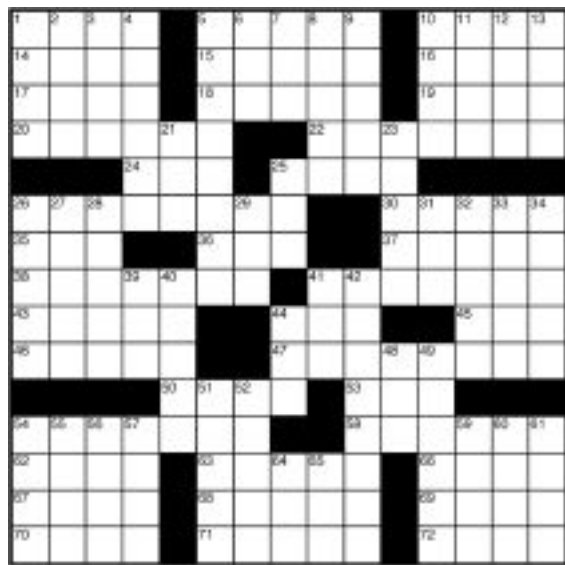
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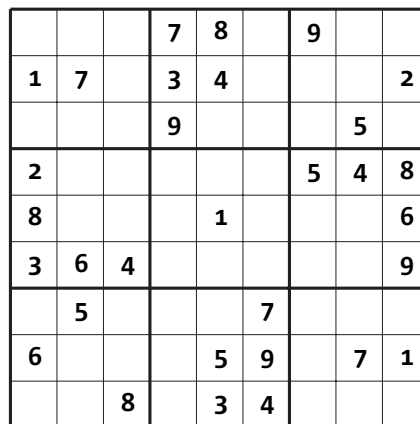
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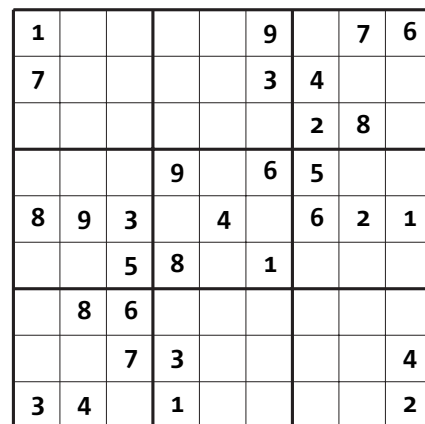


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Top travel destinations for 2012



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► Yangon — the former capital and main hub — of Burma.

Burma (Myanmar)

A travel boycott to this South-east Asia country ended over a year ago. It's a fascinating, friendly place, yet still gets only a trickle of the visitors as its neighbor, Thailand. One of the best main attractions is

Bagan — a plain filled of hundreds of centuries-old pagodas along the Ayeyarwady River. You can reach them by bike or horse cart on dirt trails — search out hidden stairways to reach upper-level platforms with unreal views.



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Ruta Maya

So, it's a bit of a tongue-in-cheek concern that doomsday may come as the Mayan long-count calendar ends this Dec. 21, but that makes for a good case for diving deeper into the still thriving Mayan culture in southern Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and Belize. But a warning: You will be hooked the more you know. An easy way to experience it is by planning on a few days in Merida, Mexico — a real Spanish colonial city a few hours in from the Cancun beach.

Coastal Wales

All eyes will be on London in 2012 — with summer Olympics set for summer — but Wales' coast is quietly turning into a prime-time attraction of itself. It's beautiful. A new All Coastal Wales Path is set to be finished, a 1,000-mile trail system along the craggy shoreline, where you can find fishing towns to stay in or manors or castles rented out by the National Trust. Zero in on Pembrokeshire in the



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south, with Barrafundle Bay and St. David's being particular standouts.

Orlando, Fla.

Orlando is trying to break the 50 million mark of visitors this year. Most, nearly all, go for the amusement parks — but I challenge visitors to give the city a day. On its leafy streets you'll wish you had a home on, you can walk to lakes and parks. Loch Haven Park is a complex of museums on lovely grounds, including the Mennello Museum of Art. The emerging Milk District is a bohemian spot with bookstores, bars and restaurants serving vegan pizza and beer collections.



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Culebra, Puerto Rico

You don't have to have a passport to go to Puerto Rico, and it's home to one of the world's greatest beaches — a complete secret, even, to many of the people who visit the island. The world-class beach Playa Flamenco is on the tiny, offbeat, laid-back island of Culebra, 17 miles off Puerto Rico's mainland. Reached by ferry or flight, it's great for snorkeling or hikes in a wildlife refuge. Beachside apartments go for \$150 a night. **LONELY PLANET**



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Metro asked **Robert Reid**, U.S. travel editor for the *Lonely Planet* guide books, on the five hottest locales for 2012. These are his picks.



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"Knowing you guys [the media], you probably asked him a loaded question and he just gave his honest opinion about it."

JUSTIN TUCK, ON JASON PIERRE-PAUL'S GUARANTEE OF A WIN AGAINST THE PACKERS ON SUNDAY

A dish not served

► It will definitely be cold in Green Bay, but Giants insist rematch isn't about getting revenge
► Manning just thankful for another shot ► Tuck: 'You think about the opportunities missed'

The Giants want to make it clear. Yes, this is a rematch, but it's not about revenge.

Following Sunday's 24-2 demolition of the Falcons, the Giants immediately got back to work.

Giants quarterback Eli Manning said their 38-35 home loss to the Packers in Week 13 doesn't need avenging. But it was a great measuring stick to show Big Blue can play with the league's elite.

"I don't think about it like [revenge]. I think, 'Hey, we have a great shot.' We're playing in the playoffs. We're playing a good team and just have fun with that opportunity and go out there and play our best football," said Manning. "We thought we played a good game. We played them tough. We know they're a good team, but obviously we have another shot. ... We played with a team who's been playing better football than anybody all year. We played right with them to the end."

Defensive end Justin



► Justin Tuck feels like the Week 13 loss to the Packers was a missed opportunity for the Giants to get a big win.

On TV Sunday

Giants at Packers
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Tuck acknowledged that bouncing the team that culminated Big Blue's four-game skid at the time is just a priceless backdrop.

Ross injury

Starting corner Aaron Ross suffered a concussion Sunday and didn't return.

Coughlin said Ross is questionable and needs to pass a baseline test to play.

"Yeah, I think we did [want the rematch], but more than anything we just wanted the opportunity to keep playing, regardless of who we were going to face. It just happens to be the Green Bay Packers," Tuck said. "I think every time you come out of a

game like that [Week 13] you think about the opportunities missed. But [the loss] happened for a reason. Hopefully it happened for us as a testament of redemption."



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F-Mart on his way out

► One-time top-20 prospect placed on waiver by Mets ► Likely has seen his final days with New York ► Reliever Herrera also cut loose from roster

It can be a cruel fall from the top for a one-time star prospect. The Mets' Fernando Martinez is the latest to find that out.

Martinez, 23, was once the jewel of the Mets' organization. Yesterday, according to ESPNNewYork, he was placed on waivers. His time as a Met is quite likely up.

The move was made to clear room on the 40-man roster for new signings Scott Hairston and Ronny Cedeno. Relief pitcher Danny Herrera, acquired from Milwaukee in the Francisco Rodriguez trade, was also placed on waivers.

Martinez first appeared on Baseball America's top overall prospects list at No. 22 in 2007, then rose to No. 20 in 2008. His slow

Larkin earns HoF nod

Former Cincinnati Red Barry Larkin was named as the only member of baseball's 2012 Hall of Fame class yesterday.

The shortstop batted .295 over 19 seasons all with the Reds. He won the NL MVP in 1995. ● METRO

descent followed. He dropped to No. 30 in 2009, the same year he made his MLB debut. He struggled through 29 games with a .176 batting average and just one home run in 91 at-bats.

He dropped to the No. 77 prospect in 2010 and fell off



► Nagging injuries derailed Martinez's career.

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